

REMARKS

The Applicant extends his appreciation to Examiner Dexter for taking part in a personal interview on June 24, 2010 with Applicant's representatives. At that meeting, it was agreed that the use of a motor drive and splaying structure would distinguish over the cited art, subject to further search and consideration.

By this amendment, independent claim 1 has been modified to recite a motor disposed in the body which drives the cutting assembly, with the cutting assembly further including a guide portion to assist in controlling the splay of the cast material as it is being cut. Independent method claim 40 has also been amended to set forth similar, related limitations.

Subject to further search and consideration by the Examiner, Applicant believes the still-pending claims are in condition for allowance, and respectfully requests notification thereof. Questions regarding this application may be directed to the undersigned attorney at the telephone or facsimile numbers provided.

Respectfully submitted,

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